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Sir:

**PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL OF PATENT FROM ISSUE**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.313, Applicants hereby respectfully petition the Commissioner to withdraw the above-identified application from issue. According to the fee schedule set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i), the required fee of \$130.00 for consideration of this Petition is enclosed herewith.

This request for a withdrawal from issue of a prospective United States patent is made for the causes set forth below, which it is respectfully submitted constitute good and sufficient reasons for the action sought.

The enclosed references were recently brought to Applicants' attention.

Applicants hereby request that the Examiner consider the references listed on the

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Information Disclosure Statement in the Request for Continued Examination filed concurrently herewith.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that this application be withdrawn from issue.

If any additional fees are necessitated in regard to the filing of this paper, please charge the cost to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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